MAKE FIREPROOF BUILD-MG MATERIAL AT ARCADIA.

The following persons have organized stock companys for the purpose of asaticturing cement blocks for buildparposes with which to rebuild the mist of Arcadia as well as for e that may wish to use the

he Aco a Hardware Co., J. J. ard, Shiri as, Langford & Co., W. Hooker F. Morque, David Scott and Ed, Greene.

The following officers have been

J. J., Heard, president; W. H. immons, vice-president; N. sulkner, general manager; David H. cott, secretary and treasurer.

It is the aim of this company to ganufacture block cement which is condered superior to brick as far as safety on fire is concerned, at less than the est of brick. The machinery the company has ordered is of the best and atest improved patterns and the plant all be second to none of its kind.

We are glad to learn the above pardeulars, as we have, from the promoters, and judging from the well known business men who are behind this new industry, the great demand which now exists for a fireproof building naterial will soon be manufactured at or doers, with which to build a Greater

# wasting Grave.

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£85 April 18, 1847. Charles Louis 2 | 10 a Scallle Mura!

a Caroline Muret. the King of Nagi

Prince Marat was the eldest son of the g of Naples and Wareline, histor of the Napoleon. As I sale from Prince cally, he was attra? sale of the may-nt country and out ment occlety in da Prince around the capital p of about 1825 settled to It was I ere that he

nd spring loved, and having won won, the lovely and mes laughter of Colonel Bird Willis of Firginia and They Lewis, the neite of

had "met her lay" on the 26th of 1826 the sacre! bonds tied their per gentle spirit committed rected, 'as from her lord, vernor, her king."

as the descendants of the two greatin the world's history were the late in one key.

Murat, ng rephew of the great apoleon, and neice of George Washington, had tered the gates of that happiness, a tells us is the 'Only buss the palace in the shape cass had been pleasantly trape. It settled to Brussels, and the Augustine. Bro be command of a regiment in the gaged in planting a lar nearby with W. H. Peeples and J. W. Pegwiner." Mr. Our Florida senators have been deligian services. His marked resemon a large segar plantation. Said bond was rejectively quality of pointed on the following committees: lance to he great uncle attracted the He returned to Florida during one cpresente

erent lang known moved to London, where embera of the Bonaparte family, being dispensed a generous hospitality, and gathe, where his intimate guests. The the cultured planters and others always friends who welcome her return. We emperor of France Louis found a warm welcome to his home.

Which are a contituous visitor. He died on April 1, 1847, and his re
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# Our Twelfth Anniversary.

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TIIIS, the first issue of The Champion in 1906, is in some respects to us, at least, a memorable one. We beg our readers indulgence while we recount some of the vicissitudes of The Champion during the past eleven years.

The Champion, as most of you know, was born in Bowling Green, Florida. We came to Florida to run a newspaper at Pabor Lake, but finding things at that point too much in the pioneer state, decided to stop on the railroad. The people of Bowling Green were kind to us, but they were hard hit when the freezes of '94 and '95 struck their orange groves. They could not support a newspaper and the newspaper could not live without support, so eight months after the first issue our outfit was moved to Arcadia, where we had received flattering offers. We came, we worked and we conquered, in a small way, the difficulties that lay before us. We have made a comfortable support out of The Champion ever since. This, in spite of the fact that we have never humiliated ourselves by booming for office those whom we thought unworthy, nor closed our eyes to faults that were flagrant in those who occupied office.

We have made mistakes. We are not less human than the rest of the people. We have occasionally helped put into office men who were unworthy and then we have helped to elect their successors. So well known are our principles that those whom we have done most for often turn their patronage to the winning of their enemies.

We have always been fighters and never known if we were beaten. We have had bitter and presistent enemies who occupied high places. They could not drive us away nor cripple our business so badly but we would rise more determined than ever. Through movings, flood and fire we have published our paper in the eleven years without missing a single issue. To do this it has so retimes been necessary to work the office force all night. So too, in times of excitement The Champion has always been in the lead with the first news.

We have his week installed the most complete job and printing office ever brought to the courty. We want our friends to know that neither discouragements or disaster have lower to put us out of the fight. We have by faithful conscientions work won a place in the history of DeSoto County. We have also, we know, won a place in the hearts of the common people whose cause we have always espoused. We thank then for their patronage and sympathy. We depend upon them for our future prosperity. If you will, this, the twelfth year of The Champion, may be the best and most successful of all. May 1906 be a happy and prosperous year to us all!

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and has survived the full." etc., some of which still remains in

en between his plautation Colonel Murat was of a toving discounty and Tallahassee, position. He soon tired of London, and uce concluded to again visit returning to Florida, lived in St. cing of Beligiam soon assigned bin to New Orleans andary quiet one J. S.

fention of the old soldiers to such an our Indian wars, and rendered efficient tent that fewer were entertained by service as aide-de-camp to General R ose in athority that his regiment R. Call. Colonel Murat was a scholarly gill become a nucleus from which an man, and devoted much time to study, Bonaparte analy to power. The regiment was also a fine solder, having inherited that chivalric discretion from herited that chivalric discretion from both his paternal and material ancestry. Vernon, is spending the holidays with that so it ery nationalities were there. He was of an eccentric disposation and her mother, Mrs. M. A. Raulerson, and the mother, Mrs. M. A. Raulerson, and the mother of her old triends. that Murat in bidding them many of his eccentricities are remembered

peculiar temperment.

united in Tallahassee, and their remains facture an orange marmalade. Mr. now rest peacefully under its sod .- Durrance recently gave us a jar of his Woman's Edition Daily Capital.

# Snap Shets From Lily.

We have received much rain. The ponds are all full. The water courses are all rizing.

J. F. Skipper has been grinding cane Altana of the demuently visited his juice

the board was inf Oranges are all sold.

R. A. Roberts, of Gardner, has had to and down owing to the bad weather and worse roads.

also visiting some of her old triends. dressed there in seven dif- and jokes are told, illustrating his Mrs. Bryan has many friends here who ave always glad to see her.

W. G. Roberts has spent the holidays in putting "an extension" to his orange

W. E. Wilder had a lot of 400 trees added to his grove during the week last

orange marmalade to sample and to simply say that it was delicious does not do it justice. We have not tasted any fruit that excels it.

# Lily, Fla., 1, 2, 1906.

Florida Senators on Important Committees. Our Florida senators have been ap-

Military Affairs, Taliaferro. In'er-Ocean Canals, Taliaferro. Postoffice and Post Roads, Taliaferro. Pacific Islands and Porto Rico, Mallory

District of Columbia, Mallory. Cuban Relations, Taliaferro. Pensions, Taliaferro. Census, Taliaferro.

Coast Defenses, Taliaferro. Fisheries, Mallory. Pacific Railroads, Taliaferro.

Mellory .- Ocala Banner,

Patents, Mallory. Revision of the flaws of the United States, Mallory, Public Health and National Quarantine

The Arcadia public are to have another opposituity to listen to Miss Lily E. Burke who is so entertaining and fascinating as an elecutionist and imperson- Hach new day is hastening thy birth of the Piont's people; he by his side.

Thus the descendants of Napoteon Our neighbor and friend J. R. Opera House of next Thursday night,

### TWO MARRIAGES.

ONE OF THEM AT ARCADIA KELLER-KREIDER.

The many friends of J. E. Kreider will be interested to learn that he was morried on Saturday night, December 30, to Mrs. C. E. Keller, of Ohio. The bride arrived in Arcadia on the morning train, Mr. Kreider and Mrs. Conklin having met her enroute the day previous. Rev. W. P. Browne performed the ceremony that made the happy pair one. The marriage took place at Mr. Kreider's home, and was strictly private. Mr. Kreider is receiving many congratulations, and Mrs. Kreider is also fortunate, for no man in Arcadia stands superior to Mr. Kreider in those qualities that make men model husbands and citizens.

## Bryant-Calvert.

Miss Maude Myrtle Bryant, of Bowling Green, and Mr. William E. Calvert, of Taylorsville, Ky., were married De cember 28, 1905. The bride is an attractive and popular daughter of Mr. A. F. Bryant, of this county, but formerly of Kentucky, and the groom is a young business man of sterling qualities, Their marriage is the culmination of an acquaintance formed at school two years ago, while Miss Bryant was visiting her sisters near Louisville, Ky. Her many friends and admirers in DeSoto county, and they are only numbered by her acquaintances, unitedly wish for her and her life companion much happiness and a bon voyage,

## The Bishop at Arcadia,

Bishop Wm. Crane Grey held service at St. Edmunds Episcopal church in Arcadia on last Saturday night and Sunday morning, at which he preached powerful sermons. Early communion took place Sunday morning and four candidates were confirmed at the close of the regular morning service. Rev, W. P. Browne was also in attendance and presched a fine sermon to a large audience on last Sunday night. -..

# Masonic Officers lestalled.

aturday, December 29th, W. H. Johnson, of Punta Gorda, district de came up to Arcadia and installed he following officers ce River Love No. 66 F. & A. ... lerve the engli

Wm. S. Davenport, W. M.; W Platt, S. W.; J. Taylor, J. W.; S. Simmons, Treas.; H. E. Carlton, S. F. Morqus, Tyler.

Hereafter there will be regal services each Sunday morning at 11 m. in St. Edmunds Episcopal chu conducted by a lay reader, on the Sundays when the rector is not he All members are earnestly requesed be present.

# A Song of the New Year,

A song for the year that is dawning, A song for the brave and the strong A song for the hope of the morning, The triumph of right over wrong. A song for the true and the fearless, A song for the free and the bold; A song that will comfort the cheerical A song that can never grow old.

Lo, this is the song of the New Year Ged's purpose is ripening fast; Lift up your sad eyes; be of good che The night of our gloom's well-nig past.

The breath of the swift-dawning morro Even now is abroad in the earth; Joy, glad joy, will conquer all sorrow; Love, true love, must come to its bir

Men will yet learn to live here as broth They will bury the hate of the past; Each heart will yet care for all others Each think of his own need as last, The King of our glorious redemption Shall yet be exalted to reign; in the lives of a true, righteous nation

the Christ be incarnate again. A song of the glad day that's desirning Help us thy keynote to sound true; E'en here in the dim twilight gloamin. May we sing with the noontide in view Each New Year is spreading thy glor

Ring out thy glad strains secton earth Catharine Leute Sterhenson